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FOLLOWING REPEAT OTTAWA 3303 ACTION SECSTATE INFO BERN  
CANBERRA LONDON PARIS ROME BONN TAIPEI TOKYO PEKING HONG KONG  
16 AUGUST 76.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 3303

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: INTELSAT, ETEL, PORG, CH, TW, CA

SUBJ: INTELSAT - PRC INTENTIONS

REF: (A) OTTAWA 1832 (B) OTTAWA 1956 (NOTAL)

1. REFERRING TO PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH EXTAFB REPORTED  
REFTELS, ECON COUNSELOR ASKED LABERGE (DIRECTOR, ENERGY  
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION) AUGUST 13 WHETHER  
GOC HAD ANY NEW INFORMATION OF PRC INTENTIONS RE PARTICIPATION  
IN INTELSAT OR HAD DONE ANY FURTHER THINKING ABOUT HOW TO  
HANDLE QUESTION IF IT AROSE.

2. LABERGE SAID GOC HAD NO NEW INFORMATION ON PRC INTENTIONS  
BUT HAS BEEN DISCUSSING ISSUE INTERNALLY IN PREPARATION FOR  
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NAIROBI ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES. HE OUTLINED GOC THINKING

AS FOLLOWS:

(A) GOC HAS A CHINA POLICY AND CANNOT ACT INCONSISTENTLY WITH IT BUT "CERTAINLY DOESN'T WANT TO HURT TAIWAN'S INTERESTS IN ANY WAY."

(B) GOC HOPES PRC WILL NOT SEEK ACTIVE CANADIAN SUPPORT IF IT DECIDES TO APPLY FOR ENTRY INTO INTELSAT. PRC HAS NOT REPEAT NOT DONE SO AND GOC THINKS IT MORE LIKELY THAT COUNTRY "SUCH AS PAKISTAN MIGHT CARRY CHINESE BALL."

(C) AT NAIROBI, GOC SHOULD ADOPT "VERY LOW POSTURE," SHOULD IN PARTICULAR AVOID INVOLVEMENT IN CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WHERE IT THINKS ISSUE MOST LIKELY TO SURFACE FIRST, AND WHEN AND IF ISSUE ARISES, SHOULD ACT CONSISTENTLY WITH ITS BASIC CHINA POLICY (I.E., SUPPORT PRC PARTICIPATION) BUT SEEK WAYS TO PROTECT COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH TAIWAN.

3. LABERGE SAID TELEGLOBE, CANADA'S INTELSAT SIGNATORY LOOKS AT QUESTION FROM "HARD-HEADED BUSINESS STANDPOINT," WANTS TO KEEP TAIWAN'S ITDC AS AN INTELSAT PARTNER, DEPLORES INTRODUCTION OF POLITICAL ISSUES, AND WANTS "PRACTICAL SOLUTION" IF PROBLEM ARISES.

4. LABERGE SAID HE THINKS IT IMPORTANT FOR USD AND GOC TO CONSULT CLOSELY. EXTAFF WILL BE INSTRUCTING CANADIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO CONTACT DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS SITUATION AND TO ASK ABOUT TACTICS USG HAS IN MIND TO DEAL WITH ANY PRC INITIATIVE. IN RESPONSE TO ECON COUNSELOR'S QUESTION, LABERGE SAID GOC HAD NOT COME UP WITH CONCRETE IDEA FOR RECONCILING PRC MEMBERSHIP AND CONTINUED ROC ACCESS (PARA 3, REFTEL B) BUT WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN PURSUING THIS IN CONSULTATIONS WITH USG.

5. COMMENT: HAVING BEEN BURNED DOMESTICALLY AS WELL AS INTERNATIONALLY ON TAIWAN ISSUE IN OLYMPICS, GOC IS OBVIOUSLY KEEPING ITS HEAD DOWN AND ITS FINGERS CROSSED. IT WOULD APPEAR ALSO THAT VIEWS OF TELEGLBOE, WHICH SEES TAIWAN AS MUCH MORE CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPORTANT THAN PRC FROM COMMUNICATIONS STANDPOINT FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, ARE HAVING INFLUENCE ON GOC POLICYMAKERS. LEARY UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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